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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	<i>Application Number</i>	09/888,410
	<i>Filing Date</i>	26 June 2001
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Boyd R. EIFLING
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	3761
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	J.F. Stephens
	<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	2904-101
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> CELLULOSE ABSORBENT		

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 2 October 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 65-73 as shown on the attached pages

Please add new claim 89 as shown on the attached pages.

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Marked-up copies of the original text of the amended claims are attached to this amendment.

Material inserted is indicated by underlining and material deleted is indicated by brackets.

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